

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently amended) A data entry system, comprising:

an input unit adapted to receive a plurality of ~~different~~ first input signals, each associated with a group of symbols, and wherein at least some of the first input signals are together associated with substantially all the letters of an alphabet of a language such that at least one of the first input signals is associated with more than one letter; and

a word predictive system adapted to select a ~~single~~ word from a word database responsive to a sequence of first input signals provided by a user, ~~while selecting for each of the first input signals in the sequence one of the letters out of the group of symbols with which it is associated;~~

wherein the input unit comprises a plurality of keys representing the first input signals to which the letters are assigned, said keys being arranged in two groups, the keys of each group arranged in a respective single column, wherein each group is configured for use by a different finger of a ~~different~~ hand of a the user, such that a user can touch all the keys of each group concurrently with a single finger, in a manner which allows selectively actuating each of the keys by the finger.

36. (Currently amended) The system of claim 35, comprising:

an output unit for displaying the selected word to a user; and

a second input unit adapted to receive second input signals corresponding to the letters of the language,

wherein the word predictive system is adapted to select a word for a sequence of first input signals by using received second input signals ~~received after displaying a selected word for the sequence of first input signals.~~

37. (Currently amended) The system of claim 36, wherein the second input unit is adapted to receive speech signals corresponding to the letters of the language alphabet.

38. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37, comprising a recognition system which uses the speech signals corresponding to the letters of the alphabet in selecting for first input signals a single letter from the group of symbols associated with the first signal..

39. (Currently amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the ~~input unit comprises a single pressure sensitive pad for receiving the first input signals, corresponding with the letters of the~~ alphabet two groups of keys are located on opposite sides of a device.

40. (Currently amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the data entry system~~input~~ device comprises four keys, each key being used to generate one of the first input signals, the four keys together being associated with substantially all the letters of the alphabet ~~of the~~ language.

41. (Currently amended) The system of claim 40, wherein the keys of each group are arranged so as to form two columns of keys ~~each of the first input signals is inputted by a single pressing on a respective one of the four keys.~~

42-43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently amended) The system of claim 42, wherein the ~~columns are distanced from each other by a distance substantially greater than the widths of the keys~~ at least some of the first input signals are together associated with all the letters of the language.

45. (Currently amended) The system of claim 3542, wherein the two groups of keys ~~columns~~ are located on opposite sides of a screen associated with ~~of~~ the system.

46. (Currently amended) The system of claim 40, wherein the keys comprise at least one of virtual keys and physical keys.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein different interactions with the keys correspond to different signals.

49. (Previously presented) The system of claim 48, wherein the keys respond to two different types of interactions, a first type of interaction corresponds to respective ones of the first signals and a second type of interaction corresponds to symbols other than those represented by the first signals.

50. (Previously presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the keys are associated with respective ones of the first signals when pressed slightly and with other symbols when pressed heavily.

51. (Cancelled)

52. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~3551~~, wherein the letters of the language are assigned two of the input signals correspond to six ~~keys~~letters.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~3540~~, wherein ~~the finger of each hand comprises a thumb~~the letter keys of each group are arranged so as to form two columns of keys.

55. (Cancelled)

56-59. (Cancelled)

60.-80. (Cancelled)

81. (New) The system of claim 40, wherein the letter keys of each group are arranged so as to form two rows of keys.